

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council held on Monday, 25th March 2019 at 6.35pm in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon following the Annual Parish Meeting

Present: Councillor M Baker, in the Chair
Councillor Mrs Bayne
Councillor A Duckmanton
Councillor Mrs Kingston
Councillor Parker
Councillor Rhodes-Yeomans
Councillor Teixeira-Gomes

Also in attendance: District Cllrs I & K Walker, County Cllr Mrs Saddington, Mr J Dodson (FREG) and three members of the public

FPC18-158 Apologies for absence

There were none given.

FPC18-159 Declarations of Interest

It was AGREED that any declarations of interest would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

FPC18-160 Minutes of the Parish Council – 12th March 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 12th March 2019 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FPC18-161 **County Councillor Session**

This item would be taken if and when County Cllr Mrs Saddington arrived.

(a) Local Improvement Scheme – Application Update

The Clerk advised that Via had accepted a generic gateway sign submission with the permission to install agreement. Funds could now be released.

(b) Condition of Footpath 4

The Clerk referred to a report made to the Rights of Way regarding the condition of the field that Footpath 4 goes through. An inspection had been made, but as the path itself was clear and both stiles were in a solid and safe condition, there was no danger to the public as long as they stayed on the path.

There was a listed land owner but these had been contacted separately on another matter by the Parish Council and had 'gone away'.

(c) Bus Stop Clearway

Further to a query raised by Cllr Parker, the Clerk had enquired whether the correct

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shade of yellow was used for the lines on the new bus stop clearway as it was in the Conservation Area. Confirmation had been received that it had been painted incorrectly and would be repainted.

FPC18-162 District Councillor Session

District Cllrs confirmed there was nothing to report.

(a) Dog Fouling – Chestnut Grove

The Clerk referred to markings that had appeared on the pavement on Chestnut Grove, which appeared to have been sprayed by the District Council's Dog Warden. A request for clarification had been made by the Clerk.

FPC18-163 County Councillor Session

With the arrival of Cllr Mrs Saddington, the Chair suspended the meeting at 6.42pm for her to present her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that she had spoken to the County Council's Archaeology Department who were unaware of the development on land adjacent to the A46. The Chair referred to the letter from Historic England that was now on the Planning Portal.

Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that she had visited VEOLIA's recycling centre in Mansfield. It was very interesting and they would come out to talk to Parish Council's about recycling if requested. Cllr Mrs Saddington would share details.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 6.45pm.

FPC18-164 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.46pm to allow FREG to present their report.

FREG had held their riverside litter pick on the 24th March, it had been cancelled twice due to bad weather. 20 bags of rubbish had been collected, which would be collected by the District Council.

In April FREG were trying to organise general maintenance in Farndon Park.

Mr Swanwick confirmed that he had litter picked the verge along the A46 towards East Stoke.

FPC18-165 Public 10 Minute Session

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.50pm to allow questions from the public.

A resident asked for clarification on the position with the village gateway signs. The Clerk confirmed that funds would be released shortly.

A resident asked if the overhanging trees on the A46 by the village sign had been reported. The Chair advised that Cllr Mrs Saddington had reported them to County Highways.

A question was asked about the Parish Council's website on the District Council's Parish Council page as some agendas and minutes didn't appear to be available. The Clerk would investigate further.

FPC18-166 Parish Council Matters

(a) Best Kept Village Competition

Correspondence had been received from the Council for the Protection of Rural England. Closing date for entries was 31st May 2019.

FPC18-167 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) Chairman's Report

Federation of East Midlands Association of Local Councils (FEMALC)

The Chair advised that he had recently attended a meeting of FEMALC. It was reported that there would be a big focus on training this year.

Notts Association of Local Councils

The Chief Executive of the Association had advised they would be retiring in September.

(b) Planning

19/00407/FUL – 15Wyke Lane, Farndon - Householder application for erection of a single storey side extension, new porch and entrance area to both the front and back of the property. Demolition of existing conservatory and entrance area and partial demolition of the existing garage.

The Chair advised that he would review the plans.

Decision Notice - 19/00143/TWCA – Manor House, 2 School Lane, Farndon - T1 Sycamore - Crown lift to 2.5m above ground and reduction of crown by 2 metres. T2 Acer - Fell due to weakened unions at base of multi-stemmed trunk, overshadowing and potential to cause structural damage to neighbouring property. Re-plant with native rowan as a replacement as shown on the plan.

Members noted the decision notice for tree works at Manor House, 2 School Lane.

Decision Notice - 19/00311/TPO – 4 Westfield Way, Farndon - Undertake works to Lime tree identified as forming part of Group G2 protected by TPO N41; Pollard 1 No. Lime Tree situated in rear garden to previous pollarding points.

Members noted the decision notice for tree works at 4 Westfield Way.

(c) General Purposes

Grass Cutting

The Clerk confirmed that the Sexton/Handyman had started grass cutting today.

(d) Playing Field

Skatepark

Cllr Duckmanton referred to the report provided by Evolution Skatepark Ramps which outlined proposals for the skatepark. However, the area size the skatepark currently covers does not facilitate any deviation from the existing equipment as the length of hard standing is too short to accommodate any alternatives and retain minimum BS safety distances.

The quotations provided ranged from £18,000 through to £22,500 but did not include costs for extending the base area which was estimated at £55-65/sqm.

It was AGREED that, as limited funds were available, any extension could not be supported.

Playing Field Hedge

The Clerk was asked to review the playing field hedge with the Sexton/Handyman with a view to filling in the gaps.

Play Area/Weed Spray/Goal Fence/Riverside Car Park

The Clerk advised that the Sexton/Handyman had met with an Officer from Nottinghamshire County Council who would be seeking quotations on the Parish Council's behalf.

(e) Cemetery

Tree Survey

The Clerk was asked to progress the survey of the Cemetery trees.

Commonwealth War Grave Signage

The Chair confirmed that the Commission had now responded to the request for signage to acknowledge that the Cemetery contained War Graves. After discussion it was AGREED that the best position for signage would be the brick pillar on the left hand side of the first entrance. The Clerk would now progress the matter but it could take up to 12 months for it to be received.

Cemetery Regulations

A discussion took place regarding the amount of objects on and around graves in the Cemetery. The Clerk advised that the Cemetery regulation booklets had now been received. A copy would be given to each Member for information and given to each purchaser of burial rights.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

Ponds

The work to the ponds had been completed now until Autumn/Winter. A dye had been added to the water which would help to reduce blue green algae.

Planters

The Sexton/Handyman had agreed with Cllr Teixeira-Gomes that the slipway planters would be placed when the daffodil season had ended.

Picnic Area

A resident had reported that there was debris in the corner of the picnic area near the Boathouse. The Sexton/Handyman had inspected it and would arrange for it to be removed.

Vehicles on Riverside

Cllr Parker advised that he had reported a vehicle to the Police that had been parked at the riverside as it was not licensed.

Windlass

In response to a question from Cllr Teixeira-Gomes, the Chair confirmed that the windlass would be returned to where it came from.

Clapper Gates

The Clerk advised that the Canal & River Trust had confirmed that all work to the clapper gates was now complete.

FPC18-168 Financial Matters

- (a) To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated schedule
Members received and noted the accounts for payments as outlined in the circulated schedule.
- (b) To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule
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- (c) To note the Council's financial position as at 28th February 2019
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FPC18-169 Notts Association of Local Councils

- (a) Legal Update – February 2019
Members noted the information contained in the legal update.
- (b) New Councillor Training
The Clerk advised that training sessions had been arranged in May, June and July targeted at newly elected councillors.

FPC18-170 Correspondence

There was nothing to report.

FPC18-171 Items for Notification

No items were raised.

FPC18-172 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 29th April 2019

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.